

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 5-11 are pending in the application, with claims 1-4 being withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Thus, claims are under examination and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The specific grounds for rejection, and applicants' response thereto, are set out in detail below.

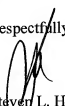
II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 5-11 stand rejected under the second paragraph of §112 for failing to spell out, in the first, instance, "MDS." An amendment is provided addressing the examiner's concerns. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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